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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q85246

Masami MURAI

Appln. No.: 10/517,840

Group Art Unit: 2818

Confirmation No.: 9011

Examiner: LE, THAO P

Filed: July 20, 2005

For: PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT, LIQUID JET HEAD AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 24, 2006, Applicant elects Group 1, claims 13-18 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Also, Applicant notes that a Preliminary Amendment was filed on December 15, 2004, which added claims 17 and 18, but the Restriction Requirement addressed only claims 1-16. Applicant assumes that the Examiner intended to include claims 17 and 18 in Group I and requests examination of claims 13-18.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-12.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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